REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2010, the Assignee of the present application (*Nuance Communications, Inc.*) respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 21-35 were previously pending for examination. Claims 1, 4-5, 21-32 and 35 have been amended herein. No claims have been canceled or added. As a result, claims 1-2, 4-5 and 21-35 remain pending for examination, with claims 1, 25 and 30 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as purportedly being indefinite. At page 3, the Office Action asserts that the recitation, "speech recognizing the user spoken utterance", is "unclear and confusing as it is known how 'speech' alone can recognize utterance" [*sic*]. Without acceding to the propriety of this rejection, the Assignee has amended claims 1 and 25 herein to recite instead, "performing speech recognition on the user spoken utterance". The Assignee believes that the claim language is clear. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2, 4-5 and 21-35 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by Begeja et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,445). The Assignee respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Assignee believes the claims as previously presented to be allowable, for at least the reasons set forth in the Assignee's remarks filed November 19, 2009, which remarks are

incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. In the response to those remarks (Office Action at page 2), the Examiner appears to indicate that the claims would be allowed if the recitation of "personal computing system" were changed to "personal computer". In compliance with the Examiner's suggestion, the claims have been amended herein to recite a "personal computer" instead of a "personal computing system". Additional minor amendments have also been made.

The Assignee again notes that Begeja's system is explicitly stated not to use a personal computer (Begeja: col. 1, line 65 - col. 2, line 7). Therefore, each of the present claims patentably distinguishes over Begeja, and it is respectfully requested that the rejections of the claims be withdrawn.

General Comments on Dependent Claims

Because each of the dependent claims depends from a base claim that is believed to be in condition for allowance, the Assignee believes that it is unnecessary at this time to argue the further distinguishing features of all of the dependent claims. However, the Assignee does not necessarily concur with the interpretation of the dependent claims as set forth in the Office Action, nor does the Assignee concur that the basis for the rejection of any of the dependent claims is proper. Therefore, the Assignee reserves the right to specifically address in the future the further patentability of the dependent claims not specifically addressed herein.
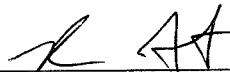
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of this application.

If the response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, the Assignee hereby requests any necessary extension of time. The Assignee believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. N0484.70562US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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